ON THIS DAY

▲ **1991: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was briefly overthrown in a coup by Communist hardliners**

1839: The first "daguerreotype" photograph, taken by Louis Jacques Daguerre, was revealed in Paris

1878: Manuel Luis Quezon y Molina, first president of the Philippines Commonwealth, was born

1989: Poland became the first country in eastern Europe to end one-party rule

2009: Over 100 people were killed in co-ordinated strikes on high-profile targets in Baghdad, the first since Iraqi forces took over responsibility for security in the city

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